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INFORMATION ON SOVIET OB IN AUSTRIA

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gasoline stations, three each in the towns of Oberwarth, Pinkafeld, and Eisenstadt. Capacity of two of those in Oberwarth is given as 50 tons; size of others not given.

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the cadre of an army group is located in St. Poelten and a number of general officers arrived there in August for training courses. Tank training has been going on near Enns and also on the Wilhelmsburg highway, which is not yet completed. It includes training in crossing obstacle ditches. There were large-scale maneuvers of infantry, tank troops, and motorized artillery in August, over the area from the northwest to the southwest of Lower Austria; the maneuvers were directed from St. Poelten. Other maneuvers had been held earlier in August in which numbers of signal troops and light artillery had taken part.

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an oil storage depot near Ziersdorf. The storage is underground; the area is 300 x 300 meters and the depth at least 25 meters. Oil is brought in by the rail line which runs alongside the depot. The storage operation has been under way since about a year ago.

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Soviet

training camp at Doellersheim. At present there are about 15,000 infantry, artillery, and tank troops at the camp (62,000 a year ago). Recently trains have been arriving with infantry weapons, light tanks, and 2 3.7 antitank guns.

Pontoons have been arriving at the camp from Czechoslovakia. They are made of iron and are 6 meters long, 2.5 meters wide. They are brought in by rail, 10 - 15 to a flat car, or by trailer truck. River-crossing exercises have been conducted over the Danube arm near Melk. Recently troops built a bridge over the river in five hours. It was not known how many men participated in the maneuver, but there are 350 engineers stationed at the Birago camp. Another bridge was constructed within the same period of time alongside the railroad bridge at Mautern. It was 450 meters long.

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Soviet troops in Wiener-Neustadt and Deutsch-Wagram. An all-female antiaircraft unit arrived in Wiener-Neustadt the end of September. In October there were constant flights of jet aircraft in the Wiener-Neustadt area; all three airfields in the vicinity were in use. On 7 October the railroad station in Deutsch-Wagram was closed to civilians while carloads of aircraft bombs were unloaded.

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